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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



*September 8, 2019*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Bells of Hinckley (first part)*

Louis Vierne

#### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 139*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

People: You discern my thoughts from far away.  
You are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: It is so high that I cannot attain it.

#### \*HYMN NO. 420

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of creation, we start out as lumps of clay, but you strive to shape us into vessels of your sacred design.

We confess that we fight back and resist your plan.

We insist that we know what is best. We reject your will and seek to shape ourselves into the image we desire.

Forgive our arrogance and pride. May we be malleable to your touch and transformed into your holy vessels. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

*"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."  
So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.  
The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand,  
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.*

**ANTHEM**

*Create in Me, a Clean Heart, O God*

Carl F. Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

*Then I will teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SERMON**

*In the Hands of the Potter*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 322      *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY      *Spirit of the Living God*      arr. Emma Lou Diemer

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 369      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*      I'M GONNA LIVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE      *Bells of Hinckley (final part)*      Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES – Today's Prelude and Postlude comprise a single work split at the moment where there is a great crescendo marked in the organ score--the softer side being appropriate for a prelude and the bombastic ending perfect for the close of the service. Louis Vierne was inspired to write this work after his second concert tour of England, playing at St. Mary's church in Hinckley, Leicestershire, where he heard the church's carillon play its very distinctive "tune." He develops it in his customary impressionistic Debussian style with heavy chromaticism and whole tone scales.

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on  
Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.  
at Don Fox Community Park.

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**ATRIUM RESTORATION** – There are exciting things going on in the restoration of our atrium. It is now time to plant! Your gift in any amount will help purchase plants and flowers as we complete this project. Mark your donation “for atrium”.

**THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** of the congregation are extended to the family of **George Ann Robison Ahles** who died on August 28 in South Carolina.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** – Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, everyone – from children to seniors – is invited to come to the church to assemble 10,000 food packages that will be shipped overseas to countries where food is desperately needed. In addition to the food packs, we must raise \$3,400. Please give generously.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs and is monitoring Hurricane Dorian as it heads along the Atlantic coast in the U.S. PDA urges your support for the people affected by this catastrophic event. **GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

### CHILI COOK-OFF BENEFITING COMPASSIONATE HANDS

Saturday, September 28

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Lebanon First Methodist Church

Purchase advance tickets or register to enter your chili at [compassionatehandstn.org/chili](http://compassionatehandstn.org/chili). Tickets available in the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
9:45 a.m. Congregational  
Care Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

### Monday

6:00 p.m. Disciple Class

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Brown Bag  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

## ELDERS

### Class of 2019

Jeff Campbell  
David Foutch  
Carol Turner  
Scott Williams

### Class of 2020

Pat Bone  
Robin Orewiler  
Wayne Patton

### Class of 2021

Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

## DIACONATE

### Class of 2019

Jonathan Bouton  
Mary Margaret Farris  
Sandra Weatherford  
Blair Welser

### Class of 2020

Sondra Bishop  
Linda Gatlin

### Class of 2021

Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell

Treasurer – John Foutch

Budget & Finance –

Buildings and Grounds – David Foutch

Christian Education – Wayne Patton

Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson

Outreach – Robin Orewiler

Personnel – Jeff Campbell

Worship – Carol Turner

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation

Pastor – Sherard Edington

Director of Music – Branson Clark

Organist – J. D. Plant

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

Nursery – Sara Brown

Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Children

Nursery

Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Elementary Class

Middle School Class

High School Class

### Adult

Atypical Class

Cross Roads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

Women's Class

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